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PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Area	km2	1,347.225	
		Darwin	Alice Springs
Average annual rainfall	mm	1,666	278
Average annual temperature	°C		
min		23.2	13.2
max		31.9	28.5
Average annual humidity	%		
9.00 a.m.		73	42
3.00 p.m.		54	23
Highest daily rainfall record:	Roper Valley Station	1963	544.6 mm
Highest maximum temperature recorded:	Finke	1960	48.3°C
Lowest minimum temperature recorded:	Alice Springs	1976	-7.5°C

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

		1995	1996(p)
Darwin City	No.	66,901	67,934
Palmerston	No.	12,266	12,973
Darwin Rural Areas	No.	13,848	14,171
Katherine	No.	8,809	8,809
Alice Springs	No.	25,117	25,700
Nhulunbuy	No.	3,826	3,915
Tennant Creek	No.	3,033	3,103
Northern Territory	No.	174,065	177,720

ABORIGINAL POPULATION BY CENSUS

		1986	1991
Darwin Statistical Division	No.	5,508	6,179
Alice Springs	No.	3,455	3,708
Tennant Creek	No.	690	928
Katherine	No.	871	1,478
Northern Territory	No.	34,740	39,910

VITAL STATISTICS

		1994	1995
Births	No.	3,612	3,729
Deaths	No.	774	812
Marriages	No.	765	797

EMPLOYMENT (trend estimate)

		Dec 1995	Dec 1996
Employed persons	'000	82.4	83.1
Unemployed persons	'000	5.8	3.9
Unemployment rate	%	6.6	4.5
Participation rate	%	71.1	68.3

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

		Aug 1995	Aug 1996
All males total earnings	\$	674.20	672.50
All females total earnings	\$	473.40	475.90
All employees total earnings	\$	578.20	579.00

PRICE INDEXES - DARWIN

		1994-95	1995-96
Consumer Price Index	(Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)	114.7	119.5
Established house price index	(Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)	178.1	188.0

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES - DARWIN (cents)

		Sep qtr 1995	Sep qtr 1996
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	106	116
Bread, white loaf, sliced	680 g	185	194
Rump steak	1 kg	1,225	1,289
Draught beer, full strength	285 ml glass	216	225
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	76.4	77.4

AGRICULTURE		1993-94	1994-95
Establishments	No.	316	337
Field crops and horticulture	\$m	31.0	36.0
Livestock slaughterings /other disposals and livestock products	\$m	170.0	183.1
Live cattle & buffalo exports	No.	110,958	129,363
FISHING		1993-94	1994-95
<i>Estimated value of catch</i>			
Barramundi	\$m	2.1	2.5
Snapper	\$m	3.4	2.5
Prawns	\$m	47.9	62.1
Total (all species)	\$m	105.6	121.9
MINING		1994-95	1995-96
Establishments	No.	31	31
Persons employed	No.	1,742	1,814
Wages and salaries	\$m	103.6	111.3
Turnover	\$m	1,115.2	1,201.4
EXPLORATION EXPENDITURE		1994-95	1995-96
Mineral exploration	\$m	75.8	93.9
Petroleum exploration	\$m	55.9	96.0
MANUFACTURING		1993-94	1994-95
Persons employed	'000	2.9	3.2
Wages and salaries	\$m	91.2	99.9
Turnover	\$m	745.4	736.1
BUILDING		1994-95	1995-96
<i>Approvals</i>			
New houses	No.	1,029	931
New other residential buildings	No.	612	501
Total building	\$m	402.2	394.1
<i>Completions</i>			
New houses	No.	1,070	1,001
New other residential buildings	No.	387	481
Total building	\$m	395.6	398.1
TOURIST ACCOMMODATION		1994-95	1995-96
<i>Occupancy rates</i>			
Hotels/motels/guesthouses	%	58.2	57.1
Caravan parks	%	28.8	28.1
Holiday flats, units and houses	%	73.0	74.1
Visitor Hostels	%	50.0	52.1
Takings from accommodation	\$m	120.5	134.1
TRANSPORT		1994-95	1995-96
New motor vehicles registered during year	No.	7,579	7,661
Total motor vehicles on register, 30 June	No.	92,000	n.a.
OVERSEAS TRADE		1994-95	1995-96
Value of imports to N.T.	\$m	332	391
Value of exports from N.T.	\$m	1,075	1,211

NOTE: (p) indicates preliminary figure n.a. not available

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